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SUMMARY: GWERTZMAN AND BERGER LEAD WITH EXPECTATIONS THAT THERE WILL BE A DROP IN FIGHTING AS HAK RETURNS TO JERU-
SALEM. KRAFT ANALYZES THE KISSINGER TECHNIQUE. END SUMM-
ARY.

1. NYT PAGE 1 RIGHT LEAD ABOVE FOLD WITH PIX OF HAK AND
SADAT EMBRACE ON PAGE 3. GWERTZMAN LEADS WITH EXPECTATIONS
ON CURB OF MILITARY ACTIVITY IN GOLAN. STATES THAT HAK'S
PARTY GENERALLY PLEASED WITH RESULTS TO DATE AND, ACCORDING
SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL, THAT HAK "VERY CONFIDENT" ON
EVENTUAL AGREEMENT THOUGH IT IS ONLY A POSSIBILITY THIS MAY
OCCUR IN NEXT WEEK OR SO. GWERTZMAN SAYS HAK PLANS TO RE-
PEAT TO ISRAELIS THAT FAILURE TO ACHIEVE AGREEMENT COULD
LEAD TO ALL-OUT WAR WHICH IN TURN REQUIRES MODERATION IN
NEGOTIATING POSITIONS. ACCORDING AMERICAN OFFICIALS, SOME
INTELLIGENCE SIGNS THAT HOSTILITIES WOULD SLOW DOWN OR STOP.
GWERTZMAN CONCLUDES ARTICLE WITH DISCUSSION OF RESULTS OF
FIRST ROUND OF TALKS FOCUSING ON CRUCIAL ISSUE OF DETER-
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MINING DISENGAGEMENT LINES.

2. BERGER, PAGE 16 WITH SAME PHOTO OF SADAT/HAK WELCOME,

ALSO LEADS WITH HOPE OF CURB ON MILITARY ACTIVITIES. BERGER NOTES NEW ELEMENT IN NEGOTIATING PROCESS IS GROMYKO'S SCHEDULED ARRIVAL DAMASCUS ON SUNDAY. ACCORDING SENIOR US OFFICIAL, HAK WILL NOT MEET WITH GROMYKO. AS FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON DISENGAGEMENT LINE, SAME OFFIC AL SAYS TWO SIDES ARE INCHING TOWARD EACH OTHER, THOUGH BOTH SIDES HAVE TO BE TOUGH PUBLICLY FOR DOMESTIC CONSIDERATIONS. ACCORDING SENIOR OFFICIAL, SYRIANS HAVE MADE CLEAR THAT POWS WOULD BE PART OF NEGOTIATIONS AND WOULD BE RETURNED IF AGREEMENT REACHED. BERGER ALSO MAKES POINT THAT ANOTHER TRIP MAY BE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN AGREEMENT. DISPATCH OF NSC AIDE TO SAUDI ARABIA SEEN AS EFFORT TO OBTAIN MODERATE ARAB SUPPORT AND MAINTAIN TIES IF SETTLEMENT NOT ACHIEVED.

3. KRAFT ON THE KISSINGER TECHNIQUE. KRAFT STATES HAK TECHNIQUE EMERGES WITH SPECIAL CLARITY IN WAY HE IS HANDLING PRESENT ROUND OF TALKS. NOTING THAT NEGOTIATIONS BOUND TO BE TOUGH, HAK ARRANGED FOR PRESSURES TO MOUNT ON BOTH SIDES AND NOW HE COMES ON STAGE TO DISMANTLE PRESSURES. KRAFT SAYS BASIC ELEMENTS OF AGREEMENT OBVIOUS. ISRAEL -- ABANDON 1973 CAPTURED TERRITORIES PLUS SMALL SLICE FROM 1967 WAR, INCLUDING KUNEITRA. SYRIA -- STOP FIGHTING AND RETURN POWS. THINNING OUT OF MILITARY FORCES AND INSERTION OF UN CONTINGENT WOULD COMPLETE FIRST STEP TOWARD GENERAL PEACE AGREEMENT. TROUBLE WITH THIS DEAL ORIGINALLY WAS THAT NEITHER SIDE HAD MUCH INTEREST IN MAKING IT. SYRIANS BELIEVE THEY ARE THE ADVANCE GUARD FOR ARAB UNITY; ANY ACCORD WHICH LEAVES ARAB LAND IN ISRAELIS' HANDS LOSS, NOT A GAIN. FOR ISRAEL, HIGH GROUND AROUND GOLAN HEIGHTS IS OF MILITARY SIGNIFICANCE. MOREOVER, THEY HAVE NO FAITH IN SYRIANS.

GIVEN THIS, HAK TOOK SOUNDINGS FROM BOTH SIDES AND THEN BIDED HIS TIME. INEVITABLY, THE FURIES BEGAN TO WORK THEIR WAY. SADAT ATTACKED THE SOVIETS WHICH SCARED THEM INTO BELIEVING THEY WERE ON POINT OF BEING SQUEEZED OUT OF ME AND LED TO THEIR ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE SYRIANS TO ESCALATE

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FIGHTING. THIS ESCALATION REACHED GRAVE POINT WITH SYRIAN COMMANDO RAID LAST WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

HAK, THE MAGICIAN ACCORDING TO KRAFT, BROUGHT THE POWER TO TURN OFF SPECTRES HE HAD RAISED. HE FIRST PLACATED GROMYKO IN GENEVA -- ASSURING HIM OF RUSSIA'S PLACE IN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. HE FLEW TO ALGIERS AND BALANCED SADAT WITH WARM MEETING WITH MORE RADICAL BOUMEDIENNE. HE THEN

HAD TWO DAYS OF HAND-HOLDING IN ALEXANDRIA TO TONE DOWN
SADAT'S EXUBERANCE. IN JERUSALEM, HE HAS BEEN EASING
ISRAELI APPREHENSIONS.

BY WEEKEND, HAK BEGAN SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY WITH ODDS ON A
SUCCESSFUL MISSION HIGH FOR SUDDENLY ALL HAD BEEN GIVEN A
STAKE FOR SUCCESS. ISRAELIS WOULD GET END TO MURDEROUS
COMBAT; THE SYRIANS WOULD BE RESPONDING TO CALLS FROM
PRESTIGIOUS ARAB LEADERS; AND THE RUSSIANS WOULD HAVE PIECE
OF ACTION.

FOR AMERICANS, HAK WOULD HAVE ONCE MORE PRODUCED RABBIT
FROM THE HAT. BUT HE WOULD ALSO HAVE SET STAGE FOR NIXON
VISIT PRIOR TO MOSCOW SUMMIT WHICH "HE CALCULATES CAN TIP
THE IMPEACHMENT SCALES DECISIVELY IN HIS FAVOR."

KRAFT CONCLUDES: "IN SUM, THE SECRETARY'S ESSENTIAL METHOD
IS TO LEASH THE DOGS OF WAR WHICH HE HIMSELF HAS PRE-
VIOUSLY UNLEASHED. IT IS NOT NICE, BUT IT WORKS WHAT
LOOKS LIKE WONDERS."

4. STAR ONLY HAS AP EX JERUSALEM. RUSH

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